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President
Room 404 City Hall
1510 Locust St.
Philadelphia, PA 19102

July 2, 1981

Honorable Alexander Haig
Secretary of State
Department of State
2201 C Street
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a certified copy of Philadelphia City Council's Resolution No. 522, adopted June 18, 1981.

Please accept this Resolution as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Coleman

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Resolution No. 522

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Council of the City of Philadelphia, in its action on June 7, 1961, in destroying the "Osirak" nuclear reactor in Iraq and requesting that the State of Israel not be punished as was done by the Government of the United States;

Whereas, Israel was born out of the annihilation of 6,000,000 Jews in the horrors of the Nazi Holocaust, a Holocaust which reduced a vibrant Jewish community in Europe to a remnant of its former self and a Holocaust which the world now remembers again as it witnesses the Gathering of The Jewish Survivors of The Holocaust this week in Jerusalem; and

Whereas, Israel, consisting of three million five hundred thousand people, stands as a testimony that no such atrocity will ever befall the Jewish people again, despite being surrounded by Arab Nations and Palestinians vowing to destroy her, except for Egypt, and refusing to recognize her right to exist; and

Whereas, Israel, on June 7, 1961, performed an act of legitimate self-defense, an act which any civilized nation also would perform if confronted with such a threat to its

very existence and an act similar to the many which nations throughout history have performed to protect and preserve themselves which include most notably our own actions during the Cuban missile crisis and

WHEREAS on June 7, 1981, the State of Israel destroyed a 70 megawatt Osirak nuclear reactor located near Baghdad, Iraq, which France had previously supplied to Iraq, and

WHEREAS Iraq had stated in its newspaper Al-Thawra on October 4, 1980 that

"The Iranian people should not fear the nuclear reactor which is not intended to be used against Iran, but against the Zionist enemy."

WHEREAS Iraq had reliable information that France was supplying Iraq with substantial quantities of weapons grade enriched uranium and that the "Osirak" reactor could be operational as early as July, 1981, and

WHEREAS The Israelis had reliable information that the "Osirak" reactor would soon be capable of producing three to five Hiroshima type nuclear bombs of twenty kilotons each capable of murdering six hundred thousand Israelis and decimating Israel's urban, industrial and agricultural centers, and

WHEREAS Destroying the "Osirak" reactor once it became operational would subject Iraqi citizens to radioactive pollution, and

WHEREAS Israel, recognizing a clear and present threat to the safety of its population and to the very core of the

Jewish people performed a valiant act in service to mankind by destroying the "Osirak" reactor with a minimum of casualties and damage to property, and

Whereas Peace will only come to the Middle East once all nations there stop trying to destroy their tiny neighbor Israel and, in particular, subscribe to Israel's proposals made in the United Nations since 1974, that the entire Middle East be declared a nuclear-free zone; now, therefore

Resolved, by the Council of the City of Philadelphia,
That City Council, representing the collective expression of the Citizens of Philadelphia, take appropriate action to assure that:

1. Israel be supported in its valiant and courageous act of June 7, 1981, in destroying the "Osirak" reactor near Baghdad, Iraq.

2. The United States of America should not censure or punish Israel, in any way, neither in the United Nations nor in its diplomatic and trade policies, for the destruction of the "Osirak" reactor.

Copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded promptly to President Ronald Reagan, Secretary of State Alexander Haig, Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, Senators John Heinz and Arlen Specter, Speaker of the House Thomas O'Neill, Jr., Congressmen William Gray, Thomas Foght and Charles Dougherty, and Ambassador to the United Nations Jeane Kirkpatrick and to Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel.

CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the eighteenth day of June, 1981.

Joseph E. Coleman

President of City Council

ATTEST:

Charles H. Sengul Jr.

Chief Clerk of the Council

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